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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the Month of March, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1945, was estimated to be 493,047.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

	February		2 Months ended February	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages .. No.	434	297	830	687
" * Rate per 1000 of Population	11.46	7.92	10.40	8.70
Births No.	743	934	1,674	1,937
" * Rate per 1000 of Population	19.62	24.90	20.98	24.52
Deaths No.	278	359	716	746
" * Rate per 1000 of Population	7.34	9.57	8.97	9.44
Infant Mortality No.	16	26	55	51
" " Rate per 1000 live births	21.53	27.84	32.86	26.33
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	12	18	26	34
Cancer	32	41	92	91
Influenza	-	-	2	1
Diphtheria	-	1	2	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	26	47	71	82
Arteriosclerosis	3	9	11	27
Diseases of the Heart	75	80	184	167
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	15	16	45	35
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	3	9	8
Nephritis	4	16	18	33
Diseases of Early Infancy	9	12	29	25
Senility	9	20	17	33
Accidents	25	12	63	41
All Other Causes	65	84	147	165
Total	278	359	716	746

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March totalled 56,288 acres, a decrease of 8,917 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 590,054 acres, a decrease of 161,410 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of March		9 Months ended March	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Revenue	1,247,128	1,176,893	9,828,624	10,218,198
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.10.6d.	£2.8.1d.	£19.19.0d.	£20.19.2d.
Expenditure	1,228,479	1,170,934	10,645,143	10,247,760
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.9.9d.	£2.7.10d.	£21.12.1d.	£21.0.5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st March, 1946, amounted to £37,645,209, or £76.2.10d. per head of population, as against £30,210,691 or £61.13.10d. per head as at the the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th March, 1946, amounted to £3,520,368 compared with £2,768,070 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	MARCH		9 Months ended March	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers .. { No. 1,513 971 10,477 7,677				
£ 660,083 366,638 4,495,689 3,011,415				
Mortgages .. { No. 691 279 4,240 2,142				
£ 589,647 406,427 3,717,278 2,150,229				
Discharges of Mortgages No. 782 563 5,598 4,327				

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1945.-				
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

37 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £730,100 and 17 Foreign Companies were registered for the nine months ended 31st March, 1946. For the corresponding period last year, there were registered 8 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £33,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	9 Months ended 31st March					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	16,281	6,259	2	3,257	2,046
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangements.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended February	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £	324,200	301,200	2,683,380	2,933,000
Working Expenses £	328,185	292,851	2,670,181	2,455,490
Train Miles Run	498,146	492,150	4,140,423	4,189,069
Passenger Journeys	1,428,941	1,468,729	11,217,685	12,140,090
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	200,632	229,220	1,622,367	1,845,258
Livestock	10,569	10,982	96,902	106,068
Departmental (Free Freight)	37,726	49,170	303,341	356,035
Total	248,927	289,372	2,022,610	2,307,361
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	25,909,634	27,444,041	208,773,763	206,307,096
Livestock	1,350,106	1,232,237	11,371,162	11,770,249
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,480,852	6,556,484	44,175,610	51,893,005
Total	32,740,592	35,232,762	264,320,535	269,970,350

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
January	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
February	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109
1946 -								
January	18,632	7,196	204	3,568	30,167	25,285	274	5,581
February	18,823	7,400	204	3,811	30,667	26,401	290	6,004
March	18,864	7,482	204	3,896	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

1946 - March	<u>Cars</u> 92	<u>Wagons, Vans, etc.</u> 427	<u>Buses</u> 5	<u>Motor Cycles</u> 5
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Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the eight months ended February, 1946 and 1945, respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	February		8 Months ended February		February		8 Months ended February	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	459	572	3,531	3,480	1,938	1,760	9,663	10,232
Interstate	1,329	701	10,325	8,909	273	528	4,991	2,669
Total	1,788	1,273	13,856	12,389	2,211	2,288	14,654	12,901

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
March, 1946	*115	*109,907	15	7,752	288	25,769	*418	*143,428
March, 1945	43	20,920	3	1,670	132	4,705	178	35,295
9 Months ended March, 1946	981	843,511	53	40,116	1,834	226,753	2,868	1,112,129
9 Months ended March, 1945	360	237,192	15	39,763	932	150,645	1,307	427,600

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 31 for a value of £33,113.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
March, 1946	11	7,941	8	3,880	48	3,410	67	15,231
March, 1945	11	9,710	2	2,361	19	536	32	12,607
9 Months ended March, 1946	133	95,482	29	11,477	299	25,204	461	132,343
9 Months ended March, 1945	63	46,989	10	4,657	199	11,581	272	63,227

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

400,143 lbs. were produced during February, 1946, and 10,982,496 lbs. for the eight months ended February, 1946, as against 397,191 lbs. and 10,809,905 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		MARCH		3 Months ended March	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	39,856	39,855	119,850	116,310
Value (Australian Currency) £		428,945	411,867	1,279,890	1,232,891

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1946, amounted to £63,734, as against £107,492 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	MARCH		9 Months ended March	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1067	1062	1060	1058
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1201	1191	1192	1185
Northam	1078	1071	1069	1068
Bunbury	1062	1049	1047	1041
Geraldton	1088	1084	1083	1089

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1923/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142		986	861	824	868	
March	118	132	139	144		962	846	825	877	
April	118	134	139	144		955	835	827	876	
May	119	131	140	144		927	836	832	891	
June	118	135	139	145		907	835	829	903	
July	117	136	140	145(a)		888	828	832	899	
August	119	136	140	144		882	814	832	897	
September	120	137	140	141		877	806	834	914	
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	138	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MARCH		9 Months ended March	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,779	16,109	140,289	130,951
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,743	12,785	118,330	116,314

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
March, 1946	6,108	219	87,243	13,955
March, 1945	6,734	296	78,596	15,805
Three Months ended March, 1946	14,373	615	195,330	45,966
Three Months ended March, 1945	16,687	976	253,717	43,918